

# CP2: ELECTROMAGNETISM

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## Lecture 19: Motion in E & B Fields



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# OUTLINE : 19. MOTION IN E & B FIELDS

19.1 Motion of charged particles in E and B fields

19.2 Example : the mass spectrometer

19.3 Example : magnetic lenses

# 19.1 Motion of charged particles in $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$ and $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$ fields

- Force on a charged particle in an  $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$  field :

$$\underline{\mathbf{F}} = q \left( \underbrace{\underline{\mathbf{E}}}_{\text{along } \underline{\mathbf{E}}} + \underbrace{\underline{\mathbf{v}} \times \underline{\mathbf{B}}}_{\perp \text{ to both } \underline{\mathbf{v}} \text{ and } \underline{\mathbf{B}}} \right)$$

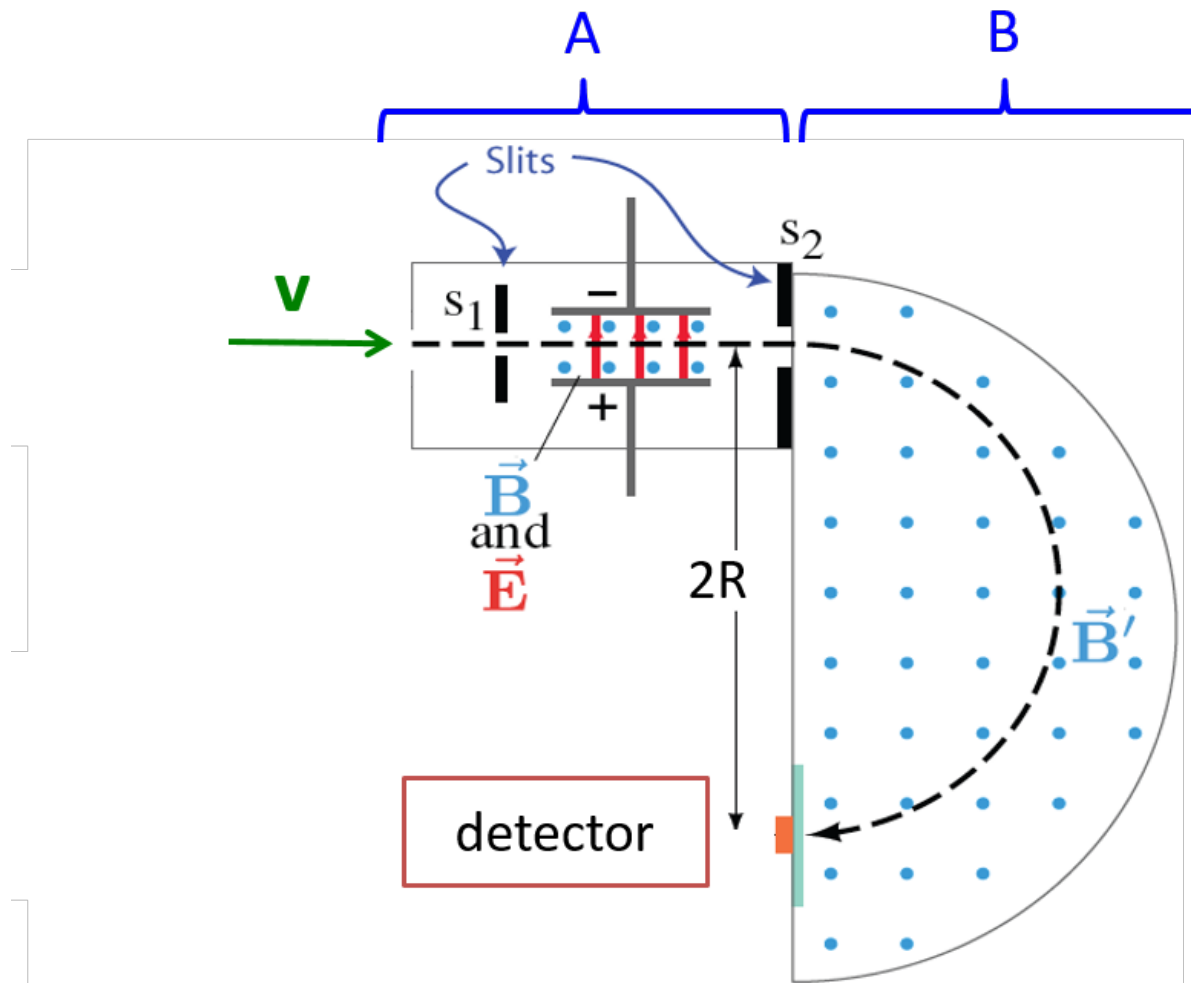
- Newton's Second Law gives equation of motion :

$$\underline{\mathbf{F}} = m \underline{\mathbf{a}} = m \underline{\ddot{\mathbf{r}}} = q \left( \underline{\mathbf{E}} + \underline{\mathbf{v}} \times \underline{\mathbf{B}} \right)$$

- Will demonstrate with 2 examples :
  1. Mass spectrometer
  2. Magnetic lens

## 19.2 Example : the mass spectrometer

Used for identifying small charged particles (molecules, ions) by their mass  $m$



# Stage A : The velocity filter

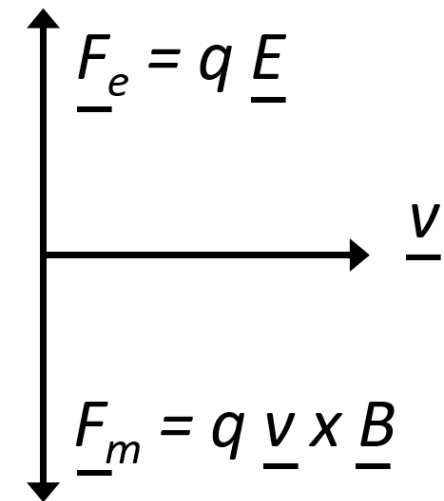
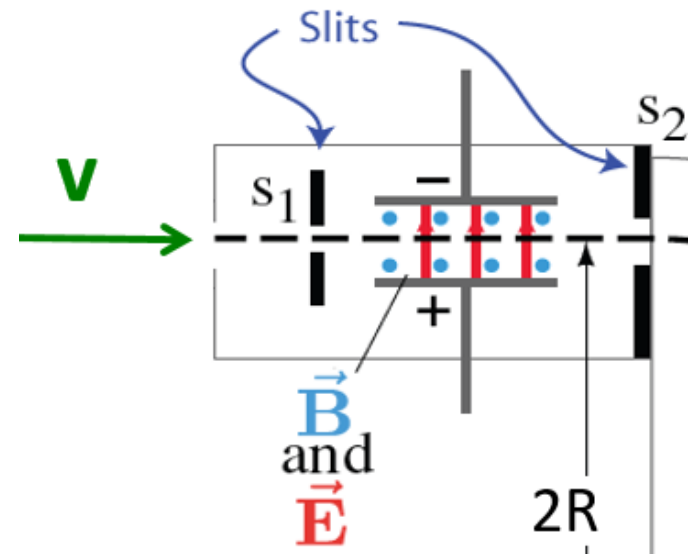
- The particle will pass through both slits if it experiences no net force inside the filter
- The region has both  $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$  fields

$$\underline{\mathbf{F}} = q ( \underline{\mathbf{E}} + \underline{\mathbf{v}} \times \underline{\mathbf{B}} ) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{need } \underline{\mathbf{E}} = -\underline{\mathbf{v}} \times \underline{\mathbf{B}} \rightarrow v = \frac{|\underline{\mathbf{E}}|}{|\underline{\mathbf{B}}|}$$

$(\underline{\mathbf{E}} \perp \underline{\mathbf{v}} \ \& \ \underline{\mathbf{B}})$

- Will filter particles with  $v = \frac{|\underline{\mathbf{E}}|}{|\underline{\mathbf{B}}|}$  and the spread  $\pm \Delta v$  is given by the slit width



## Stage B : The mass filter

- This region has only a  $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$  field

$$m \underline{\ddot{\mathbf{r}}} = q \underline{\dot{\mathbf{r}}} \times \underline{\mathbf{B}}$$

$$\text{with } \underline{\mathbf{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ B \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \underline{\dot{\mathbf{r}}} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{z} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{y} \\ \ddot{z} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{q}{m} \begin{pmatrix} \dot{y} B \\ -\dot{x} B \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

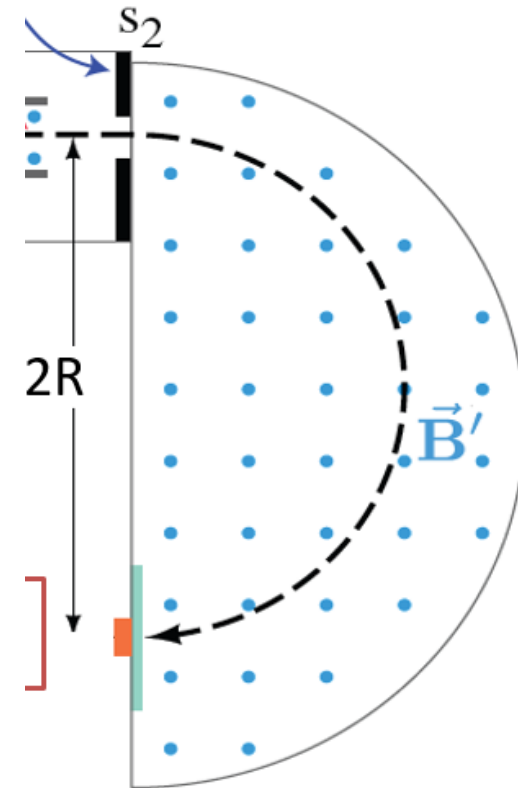
$$\rightarrow \ddot{z} = 0 \rightarrow v_z = \text{constant} (= 0)$$

- $|\underline{\ddot{\mathbf{r}}}|^2 = \ddot{x}^2 + \ddot{y}^2 = \frac{q^2}{m^2} \underbrace{(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2)}_{v^2} B^2$

- Circular motion in  $x - y$  plane with :

$$\frac{v^2}{R} = \frac{q}{m} v B \rightarrow R = \frac{mv}{qB}$$

- Since  $q$  and  $v$  are constant, then  $R \propto m$



# Mass spectrometer summary

In the presence of both E- and B-fields, a charge experiences the force:

$$\mathbf{F}_{EM} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$$

Mass Spectrometer.

## A. velocity filter:

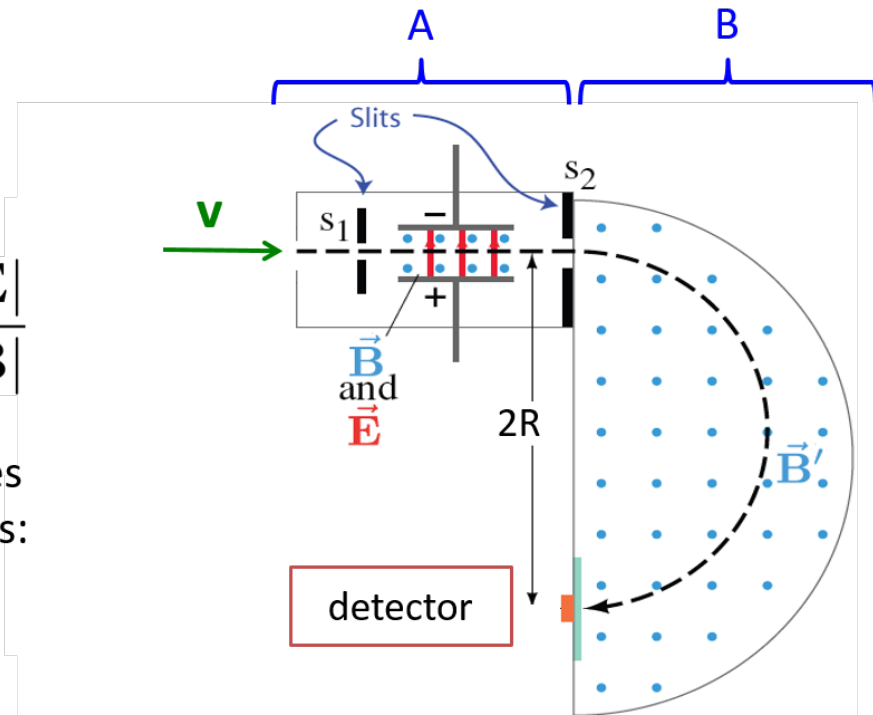
E&B-fields present. Charged particles pass through Stage A if their velocity equals the amplitude ratio:

$$v = \frac{|\mathbf{E}|}{|\mathbf{B}|}$$

## B. Filter stage:

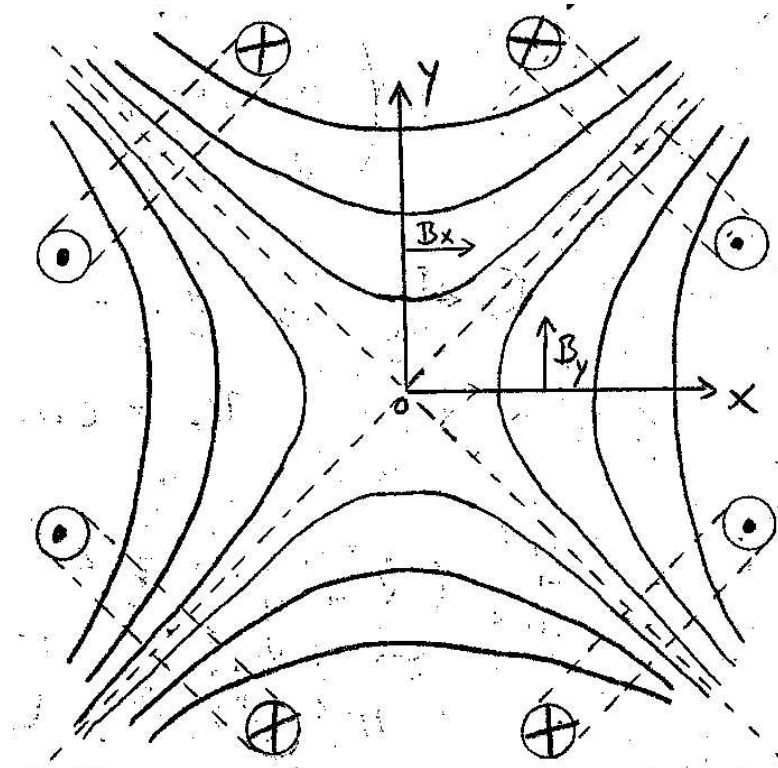
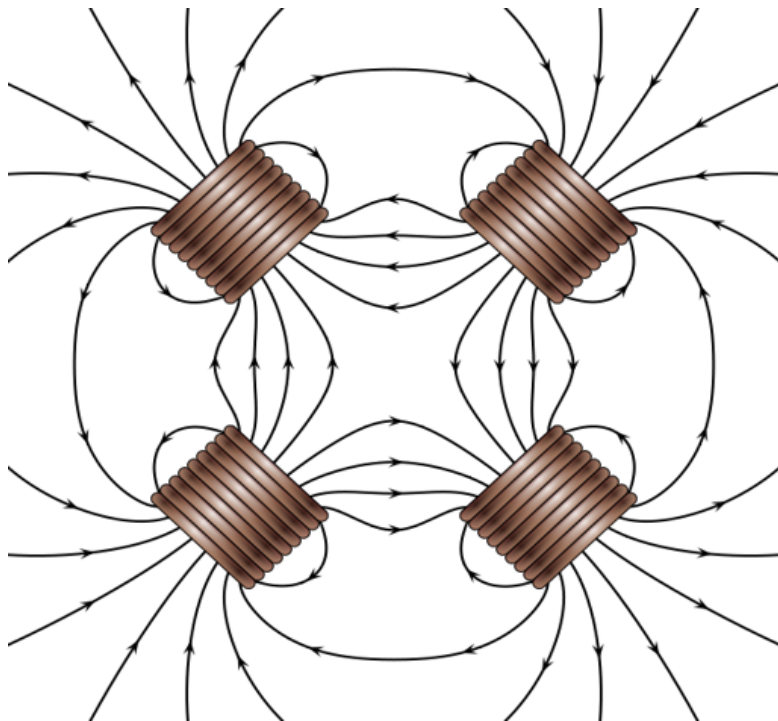
Only B-field present. Charged particles are forced on circular path with radius:

$$R = \frac{mv}{qB}$$



## 19.3 Example : magnetic lenses

- Magnetic lenses are used for focusing and collimating charged particle beams (used in electron microscopes, particle accelerators etc.)
- Quadrupole lens: four identical coils in  $x - y$  plane
- Sum of 4 dipole fields: for small values of  $x$ ,  $y$  close to the axis of symmetry,  $B_x \propto y$ ,  $B_y \propto x$





# Quadrupole lens

- Along x-axis: only  $B_y$  component
- Along y-axis: only  $B_x$  component
- No z-component (symmetry)
- Inside the lens, close to the z-axis

$$\underline{\mathbf{B}} = \begin{pmatrix} k y \\ k x \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where } k \text{ is a constant}$$

- Equation of motion  $\underline{\mathbf{F}} = q \underline{\mathbf{v}} \times \underline{\mathbf{B}}$

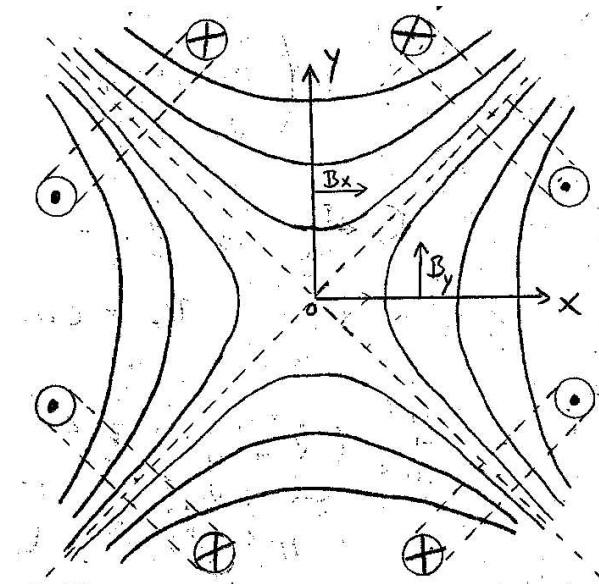
$$m \begin{pmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \ddot{y} \\ \ddot{z} \end{pmatrix} = q \begin{vmatrix} \underline{\mathbf{i}} & \underline{\mathbf{j}} & \underline{\mathbf{k}} \\ \dot{x} & \dot{y} & \dot{z} \\ k y & k x & 0 \end{vmatrix} = q k \begin{pmatrix} -x \dot{z} \\ y \dot{z} \\ x \dot{x} - y \dot{y} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Assume particle travels at a small angle wrt the z-axis:

$$\rightarrow \dot{x}, \dot{y} \approx 0 \rightarrow \ddot{z} = 0 \rightarrow \dot{z} = v = \text{constant} \rightarrow z = v t$$

- Equations of motion in the  $x - y$  plane:

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{q}{m} k v x \quad \text{and} \quad \ddot{y} = \frac{q}{m} k v y$$

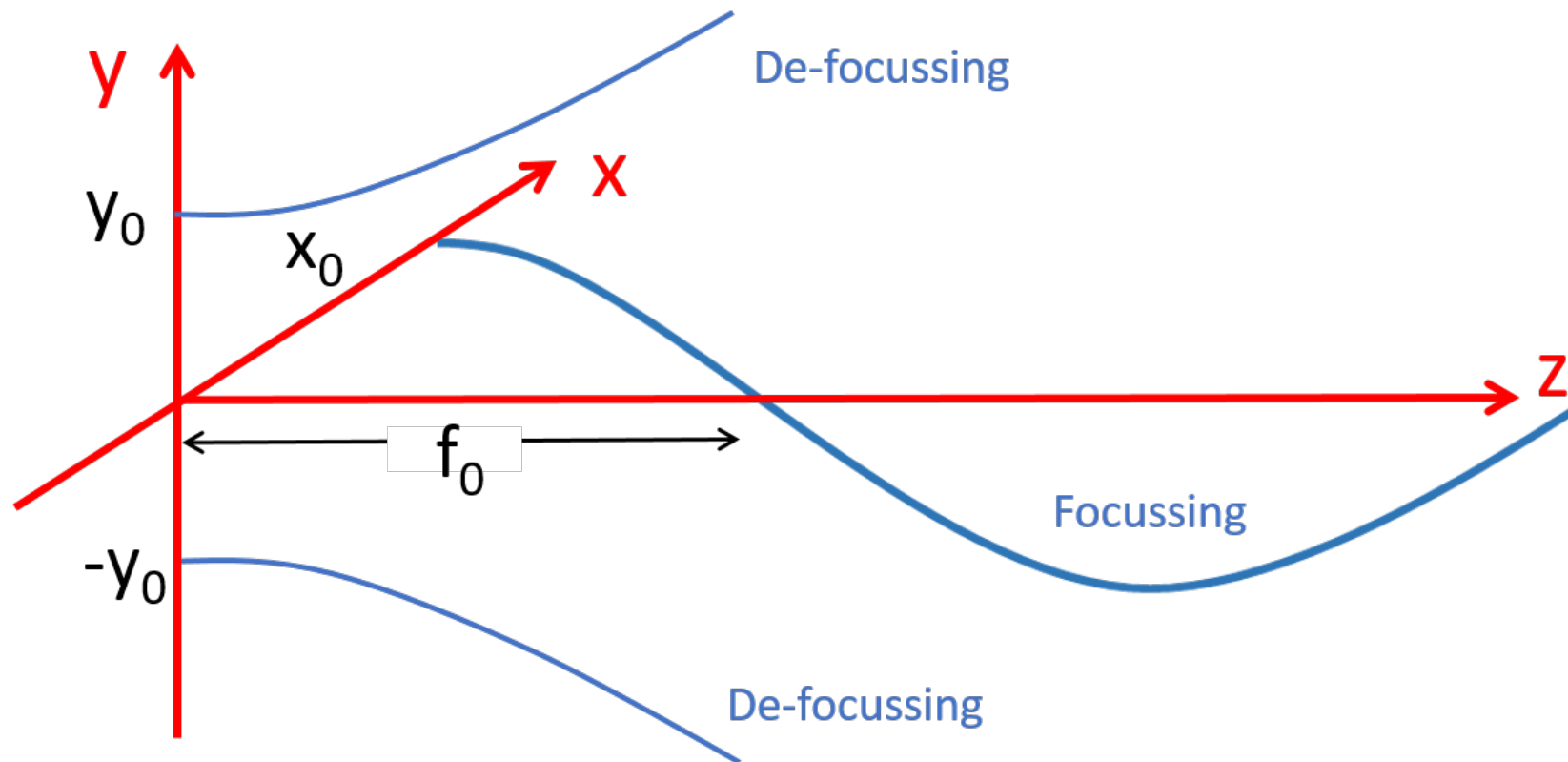


## Quadrupole lens (cont.)

- Equations of motion :  $\ddot{x} = -\alpha^2 x$  &  $\ddot{y} = \alpha^2 y$ , where  $\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{q k v}{m}}$
- Focal points in z direction ( $x=0$ ) at  $f_n = \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{\frac{m v}{q k}} + n \pi \sqrt{\frac{m v}{q k}}$
- Use lens pair with  $90^\circ$  angle for collimating a charged beam

# Quadrupole lens (cont.)

Lens pulls beam on-axis in  $x$  and removes particles deviating in  $y$

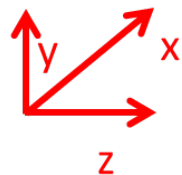
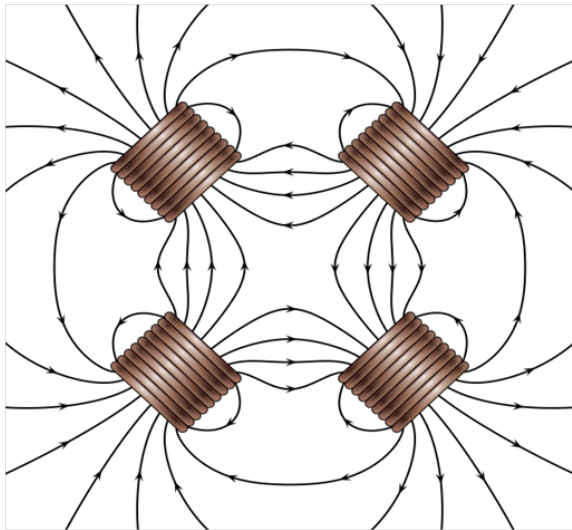


$$f_n = \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{\frac{m v}{q k}} + n \pi \sqrt{\frac{m v}{q k}}$$

# Magnetic lens summary

Magnetic Lens.

$$\mathbf{B} = (k y, k x, 0)$$



Equation of Motion:  $m\ddot{\mathbf{r}} = q\dot{\mathbf{r}} \times \mathbf{B}$

Solutions:

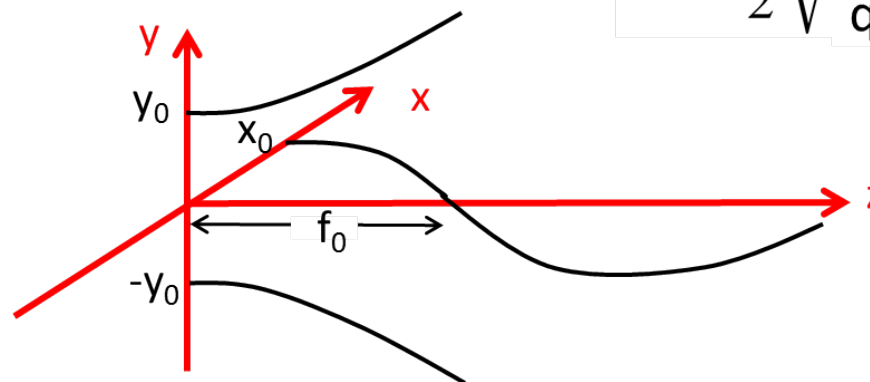
$$y(z) = y_0 \cosh \sqrt{\frac{qk}{vm}} z$$

de-focusing

$$x(z) = x_0 \cos \sqrt{\frac{qk}{vm}} z$$

focusing with

$$f_0 = \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{\frac{vm}{qk}}$$



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## Lecture 20:

# Displacement Current & Maxwell's Equations



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# OUTLINE : 20. DISPLACEMENT CURRENT & MAXWELL'S EQUATIONS

20.1 Electrodynamics “before Maxwell”

20.2 Revisit Ampere's Law

20.3 Fixing Ampere's Law : displacement current

20.4 Example : Ampere's Law and a charging capacitor

20.5 Example : B-field of a short current-carrying wire

20.6 Maxwell's equations

## 20.1 Electrodynamics “before Maxwell”

Time-varying B-fields generate E-fields. *However*, time-varying E-fields do not seem to create B-fields in this version.  
Is there something wrong?

## 20.2 Revisit Ampere's Law

- Therefore Ampere's Law in its current form violates the continuity equation (and hence charge conservation) !
- But this is not surprising since Ampere's Law is derived from the Biot-Savart Law assuming that  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho) = 0$   
→ we have to “fix” Ampere's Law !



## 20.3 Fixing Ampere's Law : displacement current

- Add a term to Ampere's Law to make it compatible with the continuity equation:  $\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{J}} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\rho)$

The term  $\left(\epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \underline{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial t}\right)$  is called the *displacement current*  $\underline{\mathbf{J}}_D$   
(note that it is actually a time-varying electric field)

- Time-varying  $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$  fields now generate  $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$  fields and vice versa.  
Also satisfies charge conservation.

# Summary : Ampere's Law with Maxwell's correction

Ampere's Law does not comply with the Equation of Continuity:

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} \quad \text{apply divergence:} \quad \underbrace{\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{B})}_{\substack{= 0 \\ \text{always}}} = \mu_0 \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}}_{= -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}} \\ = 0 \quad \text{only for statics!}$$

This lack of charge conservation is unphysical! As a solution, add a so-called "displacement current" to  $\mathbf{J}$ , which will ensure compliance with the equation of continuity:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\epsilon_0 \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}) = -\nabla \cdot \left( \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

displacement  
current  $\mathbf{J}_D$

Obtain **Ampere's Law**  
with "displacement current":

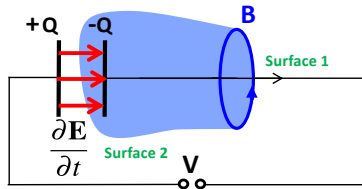
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \left( \mathbf{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

Using Stoke's theorem:  $\oint_C \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{\ell} = \int_S (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot d\mathbf{a}$

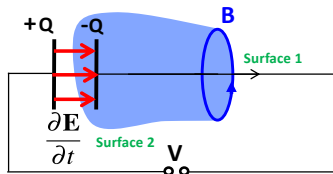
gives the integral form:  $\oint_C \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{\ell} = \mu_0 \underbrace{\int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{a}}_{I_{enc}} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \int_S \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$

## 20.4 Example : Ampere's Law and a charging capacitor

- This is the first example, showing why Ampere's Law fails without adding the displacement current : a straight wire, and add a capacitor into the circuit
- Previously we used Ampere's Law to calculate the magnetic field along Amperian loop  $\oint_C \underline{\mathbf{B}} \cdot d\underline{\mathbf{\ell}} = \mu_0 I_{enc}$



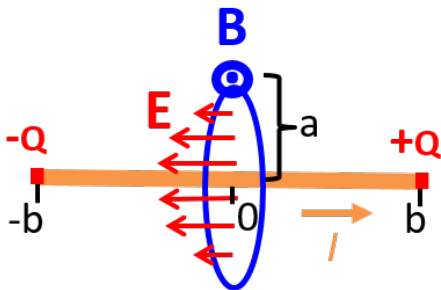
# Ampere's Law and a charging capacitor (cont.)



- In differential form : 
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \left( \mathbf{J} + \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \right)$$

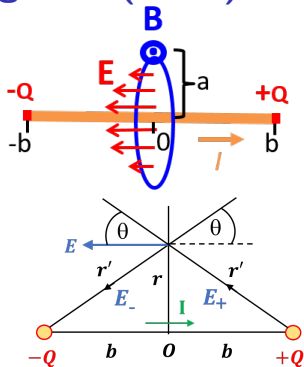
## 20.5 Example : B-field of a short current-carrying wire

- Recall B-field from Biot-Savart Law at a distance  $a$  from centre of a wire of length  $2b$   $\rightarrow B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi a} \frac{b}{\sqrt{b^2+a^2}}$
- Again, Ampere's Law fails. Need to use displacement current.
- $\oint_C \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \mu_0 I_{enc} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \int_S \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$
- Wire is short, so charge builds up at the ends giving time-varying  $\mathbf{E}$ -field



## B-field of a short current-carrying wire (cont.)

- Form Amperian loop of radius  $a$ , and integrate  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$  over enclosed area
- Calculate  $\mathbf{E}$ -field due to two point charges at wire ends,  $\pm b$



## 20.6 Maxwell's equations

$$\oint_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = \frac{Q}{\epsilon_0} \iff \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

**Gauss's Law:** Charge generates an electric field. Electric field lines begin and end on charge.

$$\oint_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = - \int_S \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$$
$$\iff \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = - \frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

**Maxwell-Faraday's Law:** time-varying magnetic fields create electric fields (induction)

$$\oint_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = 0 \iff \nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

There are **no magnetic monopoles**.  
Magnetic field lines form closed loops.

$$\oint_C \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \mu_0 I + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \int_S \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$$
$$\iff \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

**Ampere's Law with Maxwell's correction:**  
electric currents and time-varying electric fields generate magnetic fields

Maxwell's equations, together with the Lorentz force:  $\underline{\mathbf{F}} = q(\underline{\mathbf{E}} + \underline{\mathbf{v}} \times \underline{\mathbf{B}})$  summarise the entire theoretical content of classical electrodynamics

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## Lecture 21:

# Electromagnetic Waves & Energy Flow



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# OUTLINE : 21. ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES & ENERGY FLOW

21.1 Electromagnetic waves in vacuum

21.2 Electromagnetic waves : 3D plane wave solutions

21.3 Divergence, time derivative, and curl of E and B

21.4 Electromagnetic waves : speed of propagation

21.5 Relationship between E and B

21.6 Electromagnetic wave travelling along the  $z$  direction

21.7 Characteristic impedance of free space

21.8 Energy flow and the Poynting vector

## 21.1 Electromagnetic waves in vacuum

- In the absence of electric charge or current  
→  $\rho = 0$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{J}} = 0$  :
- Maxwell's Equations become :

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{E}} = 0 \qquad \underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{B}} = 0$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{\mathbf{E}} = -\frac{\partial \underline{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t} \qquad \underline{\nabla} \times \underline{\mathbf{B}} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \underline{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial t}$$

(note the symmetry between the  $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$  and  $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$  fields)

## Electromagnetic waves in vacuum (cont.)

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{E}} = 0$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{B}} = 0$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{\mathbf{E}} = -\frac{\partial \underline{\mathbf{B}}}{\partial t}$$

$$\underline{\nabla} \times \underline{\mathbf{B}} = \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \underline{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial t}$$

This gives us a *wave equation* in  $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$  :

$$\underline{\nabla}^2 \underline{\mathbf{B}} - \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \ddot{\underline{\mathbf{B}}} = 0$$

together with :

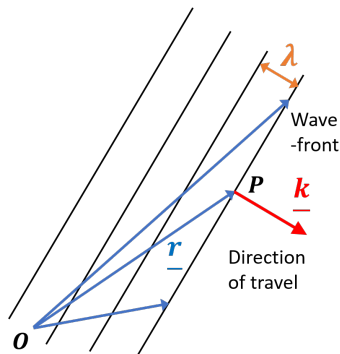
$$\underline{\nabla}^2 \underline{\mathbf{E}} - \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \ddot{\underline{\mathbf{E}}} = 0$$

- These equations have general solutions (in 1D) of the form :
- $E(x, t) = F(x - ct) + G(x + ct)$  and  
 $B(x, t) = F'(x - ct) + G'(x + ct)$   
where  $F, G, F', G'$  are *any* functions of  $(x - ct), (x + ct)$

## 21.2 Electromagnetic waves : 3D plane wave solutions

Plane waves

- $\mathbf{k}$  is in the direction normal to the wave-fronts
- All points  $P$  form a wave-front with the same phase
- Maxima are separated by the wavelength  $\lambda$  where  $\lambda = 2\pi/k$
- Phase velocity (or propagation velocity) of wave-fronts given by  $c = \omega/k$



## 21.3 Divergence, time derivative, curl of $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$ and $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$

- The divergence of  $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$  :
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- The time derivative of  $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$  :
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- The curl of  $\underline{\mathbf{E}}$  :

## 21.4 Electromagnetic waves : speed of propagation

- To get speed of propagation, substitute  $\underline{\mathbf{E}} = \underline{\mathbf{E}}_0 \exp(i(\omega t - \underline{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{r}}))$  into the wave equation

$$\nabla^2 \underline{\mathbf{E}} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial^2 \underline{\mathbf{E}}}{\partial t^2}$$

## 21.5 Relationship between E and B

- Electric and magnetic fields in vacuum are *perpendicular* to direction of propagation → *EM waves are transverse*
- E, B & k are mutually orthogonal (NB.  $\mathbf{k} \times \mathbf{B} = kB \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \hat{\mathbf{E}}$ )
- E and B are in phase and lie in the plane of the wavefront
- Field magnitude ratio :  $|\mathbf{E}|/|\mathbf{B}| = \frac{c^2}{\omega} k = c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}}$

## 21.6 Electromagnetic wave travelling along the z direction

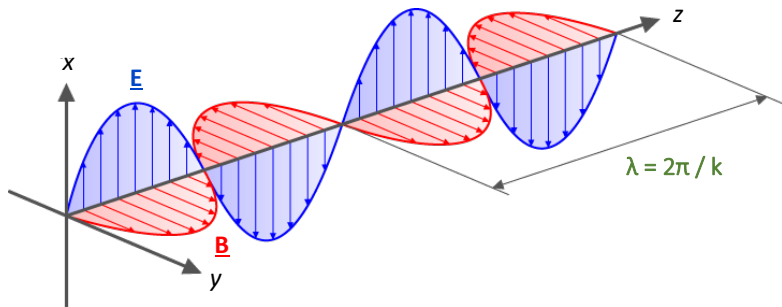


Figure adapted from Physics Stack Exchange

$$\underline{E} = \underline{E}_0 \sin(\omega(t - z/c)) \hat{x}$$

$$\underline{B} = \underline{B}_0 \sin(\omega(t - z/c)) \hat{y}$$



## 21.7 Characteristic impedance of free space

Take the ratio  $Z = \frac{|\underline{\mathbf{E}}|}{|\underline{\mathbf{H}}|}$  where  $|\underline{\mathbf{H}}| = \frac{1}{\mu_0} |\underline{\mathbf{B}}|$

$Z$  has units  $[V m^{-1}] / [A m^{-1}] = [\text{Ohms}]$

$Z$  is called the *characteristic impedance of free space*

$$Z = \mu_0 \frac{|\underline{\mathbf{E}}|}{|\underline{\mathbf{B}}|} = \mu_0 c = \frac{\mu_0}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} = 376.7 \Omega$$

# Electromagnetic waves : summary

In vacuum, free of charge or currents ( $\rho, \mathbf{J} = 0$ ):

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \ddot{\mathbf{E}}$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{B} = \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \ddot{\mathbf{B}}$$

Wave equations in  $\mathbf{E}, \mathbf{B}$ !

*Electromagnetic waves propagate in free space:*

Plane EM wave fronts:  $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_0 \exp\{i(\omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})\}$  with wavelength  $\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k}$

Propagation velocity of wave fronts:  $c = \frac{\omega}{k} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_0 \mu_0}} = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

Relationship between E and B:

(in phase and mutually orthogonal with wave vector  $\mathbf{k}$ )

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mathbf{k}}{\omega} \times \mathbf{E}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -c^2 \frac{\mathbf{k}}{\omega} \times \mathbf{B}$$

$$\frac{|\mathbf{E}|}{|\mathbf{B}|} = c$$

Impedance of free space:

$$Z = \frac{|\mathbf{E}|}{|\mathbf{B}|/\mu_0} = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{\epsilon_0}} = 376.7 \Omega$$

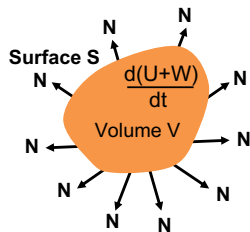
## 21.8 Energy flow and the Poynting vector

- Consider how the energy in an EM wave can leave a volume
- Recall: energy density of electric field:  $u_e = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 \underline{\mathbf{E}}^2$   
energy density of magnetic field:  $u_m = \frac{1}{2\mu_0} \underline{\mathbf{B}}^2$

## Energy flow and the Poynting vector (cont.)

- $\frac{dU}{dt} = - \int_{\mathcal{V}} \underline{\mathbf{J}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{E}} d\mathcal{V} - \frac{1}{\mu_0} \int_{\mathcal{V}} \nabla \cdot (\underline{\mathbf{E}} \times \underline{\mathbf{B}}) d\mathcal{V}$
- Apply divergence theorem and write as:

$$\left( \frac{dU}{dt} + \frac{dW}{dt} \right) = - \oint_S \left( \frac{1}{\mu_0} \underline{\mathbf{E}} \times \underline{\mathbf{B}} \right) \cdot \underline{\mathbf{d}}\mathbf{a}$$



- Poynting's theorem (energy conservation for EM fields):

$$- \left( \frac{dU}{dt} + \frac{dW}{dt} \right) = \oint_S \underline{\mathbf{N}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{d}}\mathbf{a} \quad \text{where:}$$

$$\underline{\mathbf{N}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \underline{\mathbf{E}} \times \underline{\mathbf{B}}$$

[ Rate of energy loss of fields and particles in  $\mathcal{V}$  ] = [ Rate at which energy escapes through surface  $S$  bounding  $\mathcal{V}$  ]

[ Poynting vector ]

## Energy flow and the Poynting vector (cont.)

- Poynting's theorem (integral form):

$$\int_V \nabla \cdot \underline{\mathbf{N}} dV = - \int_V \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} dV - \int_V \underline{\mathbf{J}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{E}} dV$$

where the energy density  $u = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2 + \frac{1}{2\mu_0} B^2$

- In differential form:  $\nabla \cdot \underline{\mathbf{N}} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \underline{\mathbf{J}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{E}}$
- Note also that in free space ( $\rho = 0, \underline{\mathbf{J}} = \underline{\mathbf{0}}$ ):

$$\nabla \cdot \underline{\mathbf{N}} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \quad (\text{c.f. } \nabla \cdot \underline{\mathbf{J}} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t})$$

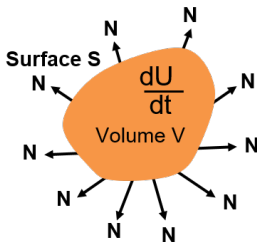
→ the Poynting vector is to energy what  $\underline{\mathbf{J}}$  is to charge

Poynting vector  $\underline{\mathbf{N}}$  is the power per unit area flowing through the surface bounded by volume  $V$  (it also gives direction of flow).

Units of  $\underline{\mathbf{N}}$ :  $[W m^{-2}]$

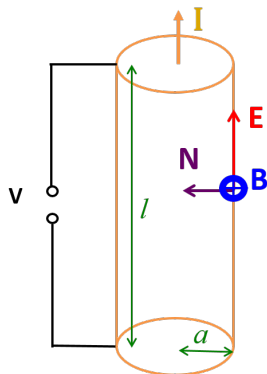
- For EM waves, the intensity is the time-average of  $|\underline{\mathbf{N}}|$ :

$$\mathfrak{S} = \langle |\underline{\mathbf{N}}| \rangle = \frac{1}{\mu_0} E_0 B_0 \underbrace{\langle \cos^2(\omega t - \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}) \rangle}_{1/2} = \frac{1}{2\mu_0 c} E_0^2$$



## Example : Poynting vector for a long resistive cylinder

- Calculate Poynting vector at the surface of a wire with applied potential difference  $V$  and current  $I$ :  $\underline{\mathbf{N}} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \underline{\mathbf{E}} \times \underline{\mathbf{B}}$



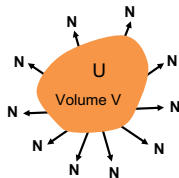
- Total power dissipated in wire :  $P = - \int_S \underline{\mathbf{N}} \cdot \underline{\mathbf{d}\mathbf{a}} = VI$   
as expected from circuit theory

# Poynting Vector : summary

Total electromagnetic energy  $U$  contained in volume  $V$ :

$$U = \int_V \frac{1}{2} \left( \epsilon_0 \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E} + \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B} \right) dV$$

energy density,  $u = \frac{dU}{dV}$



In free space:

$$-\frac{dU}{dt} = \oint_S \mathbf{N} \cdot d\mathbf{a} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathbf{N} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{B} \quad \text{Poynting vector}$$

Energy flow rate  
out of volume  $V$

Power per unit  
area through area  
bounding  $V$

$$[\mathbf{N}] = \text{W/m}^2$$

The intensity  $I$  of an EM wave is given by the time-average over the magnitude of the Poynting vector:  $I = \langle |\mathbf{N}| \rangle = \frac{1}{2c\mu_0} E_0^2$